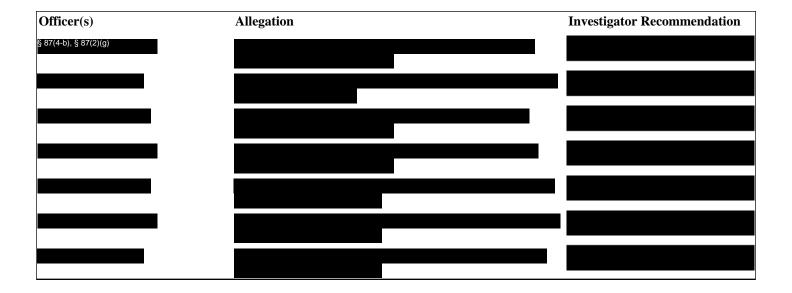
CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:	☐ Force	☐ Discourt.	☐ U.S.
Diana Arreaga		Squad #6	201607782	✓ Abuse	O.L.	☐ Injury
Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:		Precinct:	18 Mo. SOL	EO SOL
Monday, 09/05/2016 1:00 PM		Behind the Bronx Supr located at 265 East 161		44	3/5/2018	3/5/2018
Date/Time CV Reported		CV Reported At:	How CV Reported:	Date/Time	Received at CCI	RB
Mon, 09/12/2016 3:33 PM		CCRB	Phone	Mon, 09/1	2/2016 3:33 PM	
Complainant/Victim	Туре	Home Addre	ss			
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Witness(es)		Home Addre	SS			
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command			
1. POM Michael Smith	29038	942823	044 PCT			
2. POF Laura Cadavid	26144	948730	044 PCT			
3. POM Gerson Cabrera	07520	948727	044 PCT			
4. POM Dywayne Harris	10473	949660	044 PCT			
5. POM Daniel Maria	22210	954096	044 PCT			
Officer(s)	Allegatio	on		Inve	stigator Recon	nmendation
A.POM Michael Smith	Abuse: P	olice Officer Michael St	mith questioned § 87(2	2)(b)		
			and § 87(2)(b)			
B.POM Michael Smith	Abuse: P	olice Officer Michael Si	mith stopped § 87(2)(b)			
			and § 87(2)(b)			
C.POM Michael Smith	Abuse: P	olice Officer Michael St s bag.	mith searched § 87(2)(b)		
D.POM Gerson Cabrera		olice Officer Gerson Cabag.	brera searched § 87(2)	(b)		
E.POM Michael Smith		olice Officer Michael Si bag.	mith searched § 87(2)(b)		
F.POM Daniel Maria	Abuse: P bag.	olice Officer Daniel Ma	ria searched § 87(2)(b)	S		
G.POF Laura Cadavid	Abuse: P	olice Officer Laura Cada	avid frisked § 87(2)(b)			
H.POF Laura Cadavid	Abuse: P	olice Officer Laura Cada	avid searched § 87(2)(b)		
§ 87(4-b), § 87(2)(g)						



The investigation was completed after 90 days due to difficulties in identifying and scheduling all five officers involved in this incident for CCRB interviews and obtaining phone statements for the two witness FDNY EMTs who responded to the incident.

Case	Summ	ary
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On September 12, 2016, \$87(2)(b) filed the following complaint via telephone with the CCRB. On September 21, 2016, \$87(2)(b) and \$887(2)(b) were interviewed at the CCRB.
On September 5, 2016, at approximately 1:00 p.m., \$57(2)(5) and \$57(2)(5) and \$57(2)(5) was given a methadone bottle to use over the week which she placed inside of her black backpack prior to exiting the methadone clinic. \$57(2)(5) walked to a deli on the corner of East 162 nd Street and Morris Avenue when \$57(2)(5) walked to a deli on the corner of East 162 nd Street and Morris Avenue when \$57(2)(5) walked to a deli on the corner of East 162 nd Street and Morris Avenue when \$57(2)(5) walked to a deli on the corner of East 162 nd Street and Morris Avenue when \$57(2)(5) walked to a deli on the corner of East 162 nd Street and Morris Avenue when \$57(2)(5) walked to a deli on the corner of East 162 nd Street and Morris Avenue when \$57(2)(5) walked to a deli on the corner of East 162 nd Street and Morris Avenue when \$57(2)(5) walked to a deli on the corner of East 162 nd Street and Morris Avenue when \$57(2)(5) and \$57(2)(5) was behind the Bronx Supreme Courthouse located at 265 East 161 nd Street, where \$57(2)(5) and \$57(2)(5) were waiting for them. Approximately three minutes later, Police Officers Michael Smith, Gerson Cabrera, and Daniel Maria of the 44 th Precinct approached \$57(2)(5) so black Backpack, searched the bag, took out the methadone bottle and then replaced the bottle back inside of the bag (Allegation C). Police Officer Cabrera and Police Officer Smith searched \$57(2)(5) so black leather medication bag (Allegations D and E). Police Officer Maria searched \$57(2)(5) so bag (Allegation F). Police Officers Laura Cadavid and Dwayne Harris of the 44 th Precinct were called to the location. Soon after, \$57(2)(5) was placed inside. Police Officer Cadavid allegedly frisked (within Allegation G) and searched \$57(2)(5) while inside of the ambulance (Allegation H). \$57(2)(5) was placed inside. Police Officer Cadavid allegedly frisked (within Allegation G) and searched \$57(2)(5) while inside of the ambulance (Allegation H). \$57(2)(5) was transported to \$57(2)(5) No individual
No video footage was found regarding this incident. § 87(2)(9)
• This case was ineligible to mediate \$87(2)(b) • As per the NYC Comptroller's Office, as of December 8, 2016, \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) have not filed a Notice of Claim regarding this incident (Board Review 01). Page 2

	Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories
§ 87(2)(b)	has one prior complaint CCRB case § 87(2)(b)
§ 87(2)(b)	has two prior complaints, § 87(2)(b)
	Officer Smith has been a member of the NYPD for 10 years and has 30 allegations are smith as the same of the NYPD for 10 years and has 30 allegations.
	ases with one substantiated allegation (see officer history).
0	In CCRB case #201408921, an allegation of physical force was substantiated against Police Officer Smith and he was recommended charges.
0	§ 87(2)(g)
_	Officer Cabrera has been a member of the NYPD for six years and has seven
	ions in three cases with no substantiated allegations (see officer history).
_	Officer Maria has been a member of the NYPD for three years and has one
allegati	ion in one case which was substantiated and is currently involved in CCRB case
#20170	00437 (see officer history).
0	In CCRB case #201601193, an allegation of a stop was substantiated against
	Police Officer Maria and he was recommended formalized training.
0	§ 87(2)(g)
	Officer Cadavid has been a member of the NYPD for six years and has 11 ions in five cases with no substantiated allegations (see officer history).
	Officer Harris has been a member of the NYPD for six years and has two
	ions in two cases with no substantiated allegations (see officer history).
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	Potential Issues
	CRB was unable to obtain a statement from §87(2)(b) a victim in this inciden
	otember 22, 2016, \$87(2)(b) was contacted and a voicemail message was left.
	aber 28, 2016, \$87(2)(b) stated that she recalled the incident but was unable to
	e a phone statement at the time. Between October 4, 2016, and October 17, 201
	dditional calls were made to \$87(2)(b) and voicemail messages were left on a ons. Two please call letters were sent to \$87(2)(b) which were not returned by
	5. Postal Service.
	CRB was unable to obtain a statement from § 87(2)(b) a victim in this
	at. On October 6, 2016, \$87(2)(b) stated that she did not want to participate in
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refused to sign HIPAA forms in order to obtain her medical records for this incident and instead provided copies of her medical discharge papers.

Findings and Recommendations

On September 15, 2016, \$87(2)(b) provided a phone statement (Board Review 04)

Explanation of Subject Officer Identification

and was interviewed at the CCRB on September 21, 2016 (Board Review 05). §87(2)(6) described the officer who stopped and questioned all four individuals and who searched her and s bags as a white male, approximately 6'0'' - 6'2'' tall, with brown hair in a medium spiky haircut, muscular build, and in plain clothes. \$87(2)(b) believed this officer to be Police Officer Michael Smith of the 44th Precinct. She explained that she was previously arrested by Police Officer Smith which is how she obtained his name. Arrest Report #\$87(2)(b) on April 25, 2016, indicates that Police Officer Smith was the arresting officer (Board Review 06). She identified Police Officer Smith from both photo array #49992 and a single photo viewing. described the officer who searched §87(2)(b) s bag as a white male. approximately 5'10" tall, dark brown/ black hair in a faded haircut, and in plain clothes. described the officer who frisked and searched her as a Hispanic female with a light to medium skin complexion, approximately 5'2'' - 5'3'' tall, with brown hair, thick build, and in a navy blue uniform. She identified Police Officer Cadavid from a single photo viewing as this described the fourth officer on scene as a Hispanic male with a medium caramel complexion, approximately 5'4" - 5'5" tall, dark black hair, with a goatee and a short beard that covered most of his face and in plain clothes. She identified Police Officer Cabrera from a single photo viewing as this officer. § (2)(b) described the fifth officer on scene as a black male, approximately 5'9" tall, close to being bald, medium build, and in a navy blue uniform. On September 21, 2016, \$37(2)(b) provided a phone statement (Board Review 07) and was interviewed at the CCRB on September 21, 2016 (Board Review 08). § 87(2)(b) the subject officer who questioned and stopped all four individuals and who searched her and § 87(2)(b) s bags as a white male, approximately 5'9'' - 6'1'' tall and in plain clothes. § 87(2)(b) believed this officer to be Police Officer Smith. §87(2)(6) explained that she was previously arrested by Police Officer Smith which is how she obtained his name. Arrest Report #§87(2)(b) on February 26, 2016, indicates that Police Officer Smith was the arresting officer (Board Review 09). She identified Police Officer Smith from a single photo viewing. described the officer who searched her bag as a Hispanic male with a medium to dark skin complexion, approximately 5'8" tall, slim build, and with short hair. \$87(2)(b) described the officer who frisked \$87(2)(b) as a female. \$87(2)(b) described the fourth officer on scene as a white male. She described the fifth officer on scene as a black male,

viewing as this officer.

An MOS photo and pedigree sheet shows that Police Officer Smith is a white male, 6'2" tall, heavy build with short brown hair. On November 15, 2016, Police Officer Smith was interviewed at the CCRB (Board Review 10). Police Officer Smith did not recall having any interaction with the individuals on the incident date. He stated that he previously arrested not recall what he was doing prior to an arrest he made on the incident date at 2:45 p.m. at East 162nd Street and Teller Avenue. He did not recall being involved in an incident that took place behind the Bronx Supreme courthouse involving a female who had a seizure.

husky build, and in a navy blue uniform. She identified Police Officer Harris from a single photo

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An MOS photo and pedigree sheet shows that Police Officer Cabrera is a Hispanic male, 5'9" tall, average build with short brown hair. On November 17, 2016, Police Officer Cabrera was interviewed at the CCRB (Board Review 11). Police Officer Cabrera did not recall having any interaction with the individuals on the incident date. He had no entries in his memo book aside from his start and end of tour. He explained that he took no enforcement activity on the incident date and so he made no entries. He did not recall who was his assigned partner and did not recall what he actions he took throughout his tour on the incident date.

An MOS photo and pedigree sheet shows that Police Officer Cadavid is a Hispanic female, 5'5" tall, average build with brown hair. On November 29, 2016, Police Officer Cadavid was interviewed at the CCRB (Board Review 12). Police Officer Cadavid confirmed that she and Police Officer Harris responded to the location after receiving a phone call from either Police Officer Smith or Police Officer Cabrera requesting \$87(2)(b) to be frisked at the location.

An MOS photo and pedigree sheet shows that Police Officer Harris is a black male, 6'1" tall, average build and completely bald. On December 8, 2016, Police Officer Harris was interviewed at the CCRB (Board Review 13). Police Officer Harris confirmed that he and Police Officer Cadavid were called to the incident location so that Police Officer Cadavid could frisk

887(2)(b) He identified Police Officer Smith, Police Officer Cabrera, and Police Officer Maria as already being on scene when they arrived. He stated that Police Officer Smith was the primary contact officer.

An MOS photo and pedigree sheet shows that Police Officer Maria is a white male, 6'2" tall, thin build with short brown hair. On December 15, 2016, Police Officer Maria was interviewed at the CCRB (Board Review 14). Police Officer Maria confirmed that he, Police Officer Smith, and Police Officer Cabrera were involved in the incident. Police Officer Maria stated that it was Police Officer Smith's decision to approach the individuals after observing two individuals exchange something. Police Officer Smith was the primary contact officer.

Police Officers Cadavid, Harris, and Maria all corroborated that Police Officer Smith was the primary contact officer. \$87(2)(9)

Police Officer Cabrera was the only Hispanic male on scene. \$87(2)(9)

Police Officer Maria admitted to being on scene during the initial approach of the individuals and is the only other white male officer on scene. \$87(2)(9)

Police Officer Cadavid admitted that she frisked \$87(2)(9)

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**Allocation A.* Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Michael Smith questioned \$87(2)(9)

Allegation A – Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Michael Smith questioned \$87(2)(b)

Allegation B – Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Michael Smith stopped \$87(2)(b)

Allegation C – Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Michael Smith searched \$87(2)(b)

S bag.

Allegation D – Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Gerson Cabrera searched \$87(2)(b)

S bag.

Allegation E – Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Michael Smith searched \$87(2)(b)

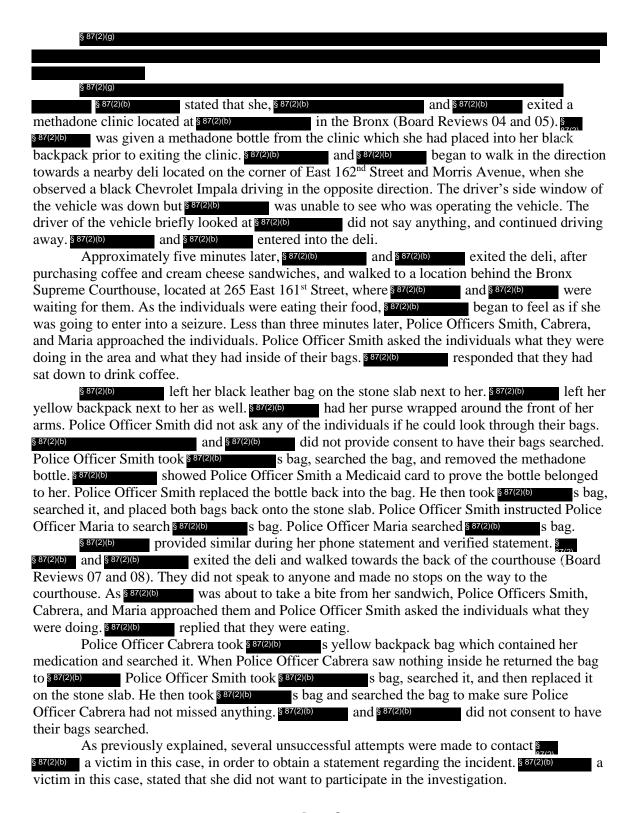
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Allegation E – Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Michael Smith searched \$87(2)(b)

Bag.

Allegation F – Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Daniel Maria searched 887(2)(b)

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Police Officer Smith did not have an independent recollection of the incident and did not recall interacting with any of the individuals (Board Review 10). He stated that he previously arrested both and and and the same stated by the stated that he previously arrested both and recall responding to an incident that took place behind the Bronx Supreme Courthouse. He did not recall participating in the stop of the individuals.

Police Officer Cabrera did not have an independent recollection of the incident (Board Review 11). As previously explained, Police Officer Cabrera did not recall what actions he took throughout his tour on the incident date.

Police Officer Maria acknowledged that he, Police Officer Smith, and Police Officer Cabrera approached (Board Review 14). He did not recall (Board Review 14).

wrapped in aluminum foil. showed the officers the opened bag while stating, "Look at it. I don't have anything." Police Officer Smith looked inside of the bag. Police Officer Maria did not recall if Police Officer Smith placed his hands inside of the bag. Police Officer Maria did not hear Police Officer Smith ask the individuals what they had in their bags or ask what they had passed to one another. Told the officers, "You can check my bags, our bags, and you can check me." Police Officer Maria did not recall if Police Officer Smith searched any of the individuals' bags. He did not recall if Police Officer Cabrera searched any of the individuals' bags. Police Officer Maria denied searching any of the individuals' bags while on scene.

Police Officer Cadavid stated that she had received a call over the radio informing her that Police Officer Smith had stopped several individuals and requested that she respond to the location (Board Review 12).

Police Officer Harris stated that while in the police vehicle, he received a call that officers had stopped several individuals and required assistance at the location of East 161st Street and Morris Avenue (Board Review 13). He stated that the incident location is a drug prone area known for the purchase and distribution of heroin, crack cocaine, prescription pills, etc.

There were no entries in Police Officer Smith, Cabrera, and Maria's memo books indicating the stop of \$87(2)(0) and \$87(2)(0) had occurred (Board Reviews 15 – 17). In addition, according to the 44th Precinct, a Stop and Frisk Report was not prepared for this incident (Board Review 18). Events #\$87(2)(0) for this incident noted a female having a seizure behind East 162nd Street and Morris Avenue (Board Review 19).

An officer may stop and question a person when the officer has a reasonable suspicion that the person has committed, is committing, or is about to commit a felony or misdemeanor. People v. DeBour, 40 N.Y.2d 210, 233 (1976) (Board Review 21). This type of police encounter, referred to as a level one intrusion, constitutes an interference with the individual's liberty, and therefore must be justified by "an objective credible reason [,] not necessarily indicative of criminality." People v. Barksdale, 26 N.Y.3d 139 (2015) (Board Review 22). Innocuous behavior

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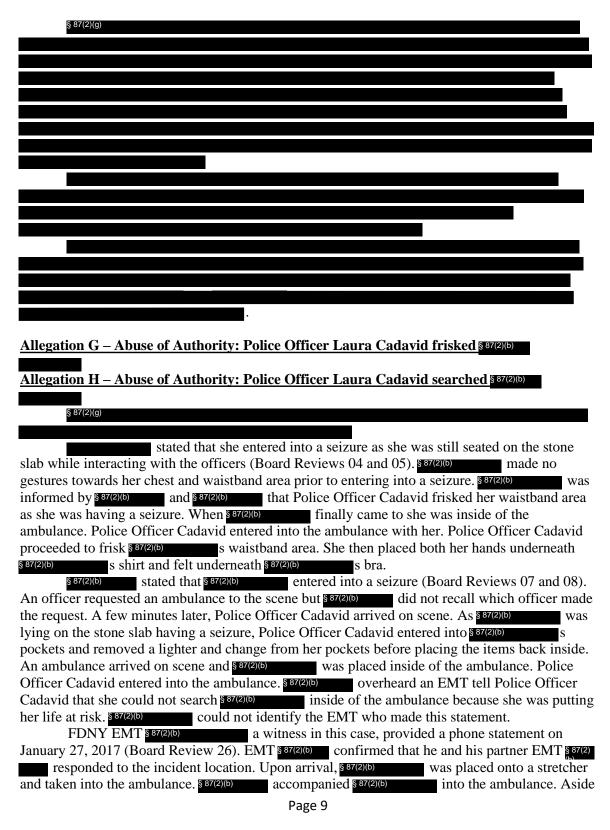
does not generate a founded or reasonable suspicion that criminality is afoot. <u>People v. Hampton</u>, 200 A.d.2d 466 (1994) (Board Review 23).

There are four factors in determining if an alleged transfer amounts to probable cause: whether there is an exchange of currency, whether the community has a high incidence of drug trafficking, whether the police officers involved are trained and experienced in drug investigations, and whether there are additional signs of furtive or evasive behavior on the part of the participants. If there is no currency, there must be a hallmark object so frequently used in drug encounters that the exchange itself would all but constitute per se probable cause. People v. Edwards, 2005 N.Y. Misc. (Board Review 20).

Consent to a search is voluntary when it is a true act of will [and] an unequivocal product of an essentially free and unconstrained choice. <u>People v. Richardson</u>, 645 N.Y.S.2d (1996) (Board Review 24). An officer acting on reasonable suspicion that criminal activity is afoot and on an articulable basis to fear for his own safety may intrude upon the person or personal effects of the suspect only to the extent that is actually necessary to protect himself from harm while he conducts the inquiry. <u>People v. Graham</u>, 2015 NY Slip Op 09442 (Board Review 25).

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from §87(2)(b) and EMT §87(2)(b) and EMT §87(2) no other individual entered into
the ambulance. Police Officer Cadavid did not enter into the ambulance and did not search
Since \$87(2)(b) was responsive there was no need for an officer to obtain any
identification or information for her.
FDNY EMT 887(2)(b) provided a phone statement on January 27, 2017 (Board Review
27) and a follow-up phone statement on February 3, 2017 (Board Review 28). EMT [87(2)] found
lying on the stone slab as \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) were holding onto her head.
Police Officers Cadavid and Harris were standing a distance from S87(2)(b) Neither officer
had any physical or verbal interaction with § 87(2)(b) Police Officer Cadavid did not frisk
as she was lying on the stone slab. §87(2)(b) was placed into the ambulance
and was accompanied by \$87(2)(b) Both EMTs performed an assessment on \$87(2)(b)
who was responsive and provided her identification to the EMTs. Police Officer Cadavid did not
enter into the ambulance and did not search §87(2)(b) while in the ambulance. Since §37(2)
provided her identification there was no need for officers to obtain her identification.
Police Officer Cadavid stated that she received a call over the radio from Police Officer
Smith to go to the incident location in order to frisk \$87(2)(b) since she was the only female
on the Anti-Crime team (Board Review 12). Police Officer Smith did not explain to Police
Officer Cadavid why he wanted \$87(2)(b) frisked and did not explain what he suspected \$27(2)
had on her person. Police Officer Cadavid did not recall what \$87(2)(b) was
wearing and did not recall seeing any bulges on her person. Upon arrival to the location,
entered into a seizure. Police Officer Cadavid approached \$87(2)(b) and held onto
her head to prevent her from hurting herself. Police Officer Cadavid frisked \$87(2)(b)
outer garment under the breast area and her waistband area and found nothing on her person.
was then placed into the ambulance. Police Officer Cadavid entered into the ambulance
in order to obtain identification from \$87(2)(b) to give to the EMTs. Police Officer Cadavid
touched \$87(2)(b) near her shoulder area by the bra straps and checked near \$87(2)(b) s
bra area from the outside of the shirt. She did not place her hands underneath \$87(2)(6) s
shirt. Police Officer Cadavid explained that she did this because majority of the females who
hang around the location usually hide their identification under their bra straps.
Police Officer Harris stated that one of the officers on scene informed Police Officer
Cadavid that he wanted \$87(2)(b) frisked because he suspected \$87(2)(b) had narcotics on her person (Board Review 13). Police Officer Harris did not recall which officer made this
statement or what narcotics were suspected. The officer did not inform Police Officer Cadavid
exactly where on \$87(2)(b) s body he wanted her to be frisked. Police Officer Cadavid held
onto \$87(2)(b) s head as she lay on the stone slab. Police Officer Cadavid made no contact
with any other part of \$87(2)(b) s body and she did not frisk \$87(2)(b) outside of the
ambulance. § 87(2)(6) was placed into the ambulance. Police Officer Cadavid accompanied
her and shut the ambulance doors for privacy. A few minutes later, Police Officer Cadavid exited
the ambulance while stating, "She had nothing." Police Officer Harris did not know what took
place while Police Officer Cadavid was inside of the ambulance.
Police Officer Maria stated that Police Officer Cadavid and Police Officer Smith each
held onto of \$87(2)(b) s arms as she was having a seizure to prevent her from hurting herself
(Board Review 14). Police Officer Cadavid did not frisk \$87(2)(6) as she was having a
seizure. Police Officer Cadavid accompanied \$87(2)(b) into the ambulance. Police Officer
Maria did not know what occurred while Police Officer Cadavid was inside of the ambulance and

was not informed of what had taken place. As previously explained, Police Officers Smith and Cabrera did not have independent recollections of this incident (Board Reviews 10 and 11)

Via the fellow officer rule, an officer is entitled to rely on information provided by another officer, as it is presumed to be accurate and trustworthy. People v, Powell, 101

A.D.3d756 (2nd Dept., 2012) (BR 29).

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